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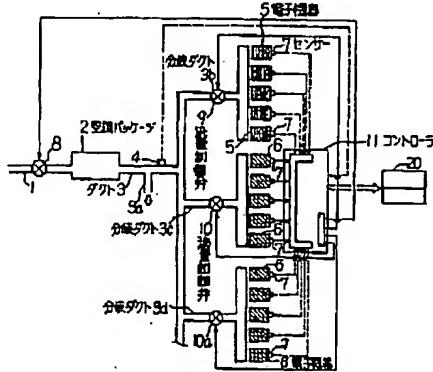
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[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] In the distribution apparatus of the conventional cooling air shown in said drawing 2 and drawing 3, there was a problem of being obliged to redesign of a cooling air distribution network at the addition of the loading electronic equipment of the aircraft, and every modification for the following reasons.

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[Means for Solving the Problem] In the cooling air distribution apparatus to the electronic equipment which this invention distributes cooling air from an air-conditioning machine to two or more electronic equipment, and is supplied A flow control valve with the opening stranger good than an air-conditioning machine prepared in each of two or more ducts which distribute and supply cooling air to electronic equipment, and two or more of said ducts, The signal of the sensor which acts as the monitor of the operating state of each of said electronic equipment, and said sensor is inputted, and it is characterized by having the controller which outputs the signal which controls the opening of the ***** aforementioned flow control valve to this to a flow control valve.

[0008]

[Function] The cooling air distribution apparatus to the electronic equipment of this invention is constituted as mentioned above, the signal of the sensor which acts as the monitor of the busy condition of each electronic equipment is inputted into a controller, and the opening of the flow control valve of each duct is controlled by the signal from a ***** controller by this. The cooling air of a required flow rate is supplied to each electronic equipment by this.

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[Example] Drawing 1 explains one example concerning the cooling air distribution apparatus of the aircraft loading electronic equipment of this invention.

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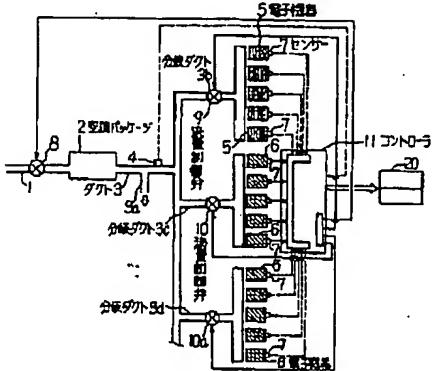
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[0013] 3a is a duct which branches from a duct 3 by the upstream of a pressure sensor 4, and supplies cooling air to CABIN, and a controller 11 transmits the condition of each electronic equipment 5 and 6 to the caution light 20 of a cockpit.

[0014] In addition, the 4 modes of MAX, NORMAL, STAND, and OFF are given to the operating state of each of said electronic equipment 5 and 6.

[0015] The control law of each flow control valve by said controller 11 in this example is as follows. •

[0016] The flow control valve 9 which passes cooling air to electronic equipment 5 is always opened, and, as for the flow control valves 10 and 10a which pass cooling air to electronic equipment 6, it is opened only at the time of use. Moreover, said each flow control valve is doubled with the flow rate of the device in the highest mode in the electronic equipment of the lower stream of a river, and closing motion is adjusted. When the air-conditioning package 2 breaks down, the flow control valves 10 and 10a passed to the electronic equipment 6 which carries out chisel use temporarily are closed.

[0017] Moreover, acting as the monitor of the pressure of the cooling air sent to electronic equipment 5 and 6 with a pressure sensor 4, the opening of a flow control valve 8 is adjusted so that the minimum discharge according to the mode of electronic equipment 5 and 6 may be passed.

[0018] In this example, it acts as a monitor by the sensor 7, and the signal is inputted into a controller 11, and the operating mode of each electronic equipment 5 and 6 outputs the signal which controls the opening of the * * * * * flow control valve 8 to the signal of said sensor 4 in addition to the signal of said sensor 7, while outputting the signal which controls the opening of * * * * * each flow control valves 9, 10, and 10a to this in a controller 11.

[0019] Therefore, the air of a flow rate required for cooling of electronic equipment 5 and the 6 whole is supplied to the air-conditioning package 2 by control of the opening of a flow control valve 8. The air cooled with the air-conditioning package 2 will be distributed so that a flow demand may be supplied to the group of electronic equipment 5 and 6 by controlling the opening of flow control valves 9, 10, and 10a as mentioned above, and each electronic equipment 5 and 6 will be effectively cooled by this air.

[0020] Moreover, in this example, since distribution of a flow rate are adjusted and the orifice is not used like conventional equipment by flow control valves 9, 10, and 10a, even if it performs addition of electronic equipment, repair, etc., it is not necessary to repair equipment each time. Furthermore, since the cooling air of the minimum flow rate doubled with the operating mode of electronic equipment 5 and 6 can be supplied to each electronic equipment 5 and 6, consumption of the high-pressure air from an engine can be made into the minimum, and the power consumption of the air-conditioning package 2 can be stopped, and degradation can be suppressed for an engine performance.

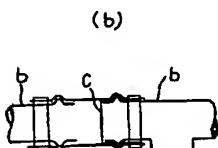
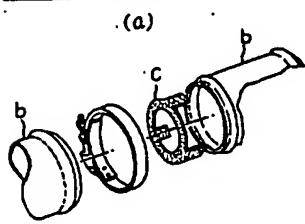
[0021] In addition, although said example starts the cooling air distribution apparatus of the electronic equipment of the aircraft, this invention is widely applicable to the cooling air distribution apparatus of electronic equipment other than the aircraft.

[0022]

[Effect of the Invention] As aforementioned, the cooling air distribution apparatus to the electronic equipment of this invention outputs a signal to a signal from a * * * * * controller from the sensor which acts as the monitor of the operating state of each electronic equipment, and is controlling the flow control valve of two or more ducts which distribute and supply cooling air to electronic equipment by this. Therefore, the cooling air of a flow rate required for each electronic equipment is supplied, and effective cooling can be performed.

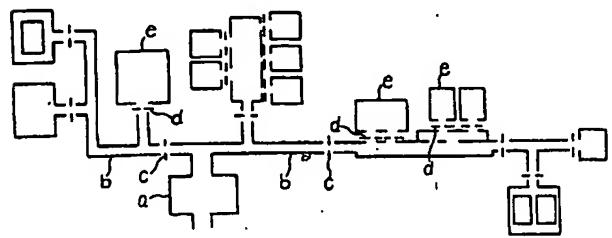
[0023] Moreover, since the flow rate of cooling air is adjusted by the flow control valve also in case addition of electronic equipment, repair, etc. are performed, repair of equipment is not needed. Furthermore, since a flow control valve can be adjusted so that the minimum discharge doubled with the operating state of electronic equipment may be passed, consumption of air can be made into the minimum and the power consumption of an air-conditioning machine can be stopped.

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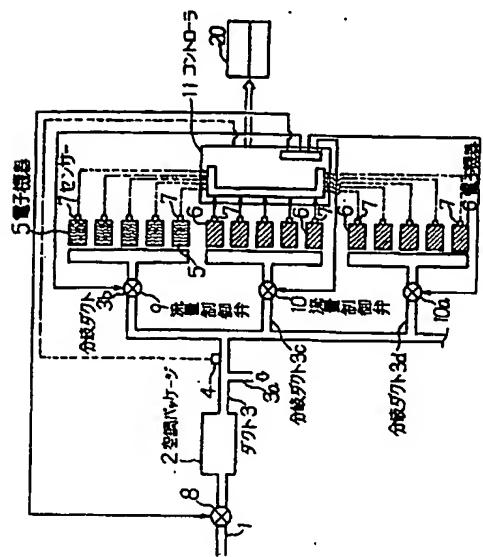


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